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Foreign Service--Home Service Transfer Allowance--Effective Date

The transfer of Foreign Service employees by the Agency for International Development from overseas posts to Washington, D. C., for approximately 6 months' training, followed by retransfer to permanent positions in Washington, upon completion of which assignments the employees are transferred to foreign posts does not constitute a reassignment within the meaning of section 252 of the Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas), providing that a transfer means a reassignment from an overseas post to one in the continental United States, upon completion of which the employee is again assigned to a post abroad; therefore, the employees do not qualify for the Home Service Transfer Allowance, prescribed by section 252 as a cost-of-living allowance incident to the establishment of a residence at a post in the continental United States between assignments to posts abroad until the accomplishment of their transfers to permanent positions in Washington, and then only if the transfer is within the scope of zones authorized under section 252.12.

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Foreign Service--Home Service Transfer Allowance--Temporary Lodgings

Foreign Service employees of the Agency for International Development who during a period of transfer to Washington, D. C., from overseas posts for training and retransfer to permanent positions occupy apartments or homes, which are excluded as temporary lodgings under section 252.12 of the Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas), unless the head of the agency agrees the occupancy is temporary, are not entitled to the temporary lodging allowance portion of the Home Service Transfer Allowance authorized by section 252.12 to cover necessary and reasonable hotel expenses incurred by an employee at a post of assignment in the continental United States while locating and arranging for suitable permanent quarters, in the absence of an administrative determination that the employees occupied temporary lodgings.